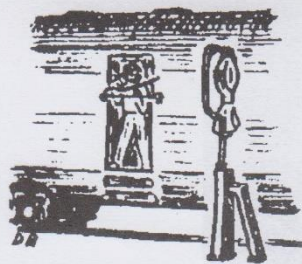


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We were delightfully entertained by S. Robert Powell's article about the D&H's Scottish heritage. As an old Schenectady kid, we grew up in the backyard of the D&H and ALCO confluence. At the time, the American Locomotive Company had Scottish leadership as well. Duncan Fraser and Robert McColl (not related for at least the past 200 years) were both presidents of that organization. I have a large trunk in my parlor lettered for "R B McColl". It has stickers on it that indicated Montreal, which likely means D&H travel. Since my late partner was also Gwen Fraser, it seems like birds of a feather do in fact flock together. In any event, please thank Mr. Powell for his efforts.

*JB notes: We will do so, happily. Barbara and I really enjoyed our trip to Scotland a couple of decades ago. I think one of the highlights was staying at a B&B in Inverness. It was run by an older Scots lady with a good sense of humor, who apparently delighted in having fun with "Yanks". That night, there were also two Aussie nurses staying at that B&B. Over scones that evening, the owner asked if any of us wanted "porridge in the morning", as she wanted to "properly soak the grain". Then she turned to us and said, "For you Yanks, that means oatmeal". I told her that we*

*knew what porridge was, which surprised her, both by the quick reply and our knowledge of that classic Scots breakfast item. She laughed and told us that we were "unusual for Yanks". Apparently, we had passed.*

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whose power was switching the yard. The track here was once CP, and ends a mile later at a grain storage facility by the St. Lawrence River.

After the winter, this had been a really pleasant afternoon.

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remarkable portrait of the man: Loree was a voracious reader, and it was not unusual for him to read three books in a single day. He resided on a 31-acre country estate named "Bowood" in West Orange, New Jersey, which he bought in 1911 and developed over the years. It was where he established a herd of Guernsey cattle and a flock of Orpington chickens, as well as a loft of Dutchess pigeons (the squabs of which were a culinary favorite of Loree's). There was also an apiary on the estate. In the orchards at Bowood were apple, peach, pear, and cherry trees. [In the main building at Bowood, built in 1865, there were 27 rooms: eight bathrooms, six master bedrooms, three guest rooms, servants' quarters, and an elevator. In the library there were 10,000 volumes. The staff at Bowood: 58 servants, gardeners, and chauffeurs.]

Leonor F. Loree: What an extraordinary man! The P.T. Barnum of railroading in America in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century, a giant of a man, whose vision guided the D&H through thirty-one tumultuous years. On September 6, 1940, Loree died at West Orange, NJ.

The book, *Leonor Loree and the*